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SUBJECT: Operational Lead in Vienna

At a meeting with Dienststelle 5 on 27 April 1954, V-3597 stated that D-5 is in contact with a man (as yet unidentified to me) who is some sort of a manager in the Hotel Rainer in Vienna. Their man is on speaking terms with a Czech General who is alleged to be the Satellite Procurement Coordinator for grey market purchases in Vienna. This General apparently lives in the Hotel Rainer and is yet unidentified. He has already produced brochures containing the names of various Satellite export-import companies and the items they export and import. His real function is alleged to be, however, the purchasing of critical items badly needed by the Satellite countries from the grey market in Vienna. D-5 promised to forward to me a specific report on what this lead could possibly offer. He is anxious for an early reply since he wants very much to fly to Vienna after 17 May (his wife's birthday) to either foster this lead or let it drop.

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